

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/730,566  
Filing Date: December 8, 2003  
Applicant: Blackwell-Thompson et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3644  
Examiner: Tien Dinh  
Title: System and Methods For Integrating a Payload With a Launch Vehicle  
Attorney Docket: 7784-000467/DVA

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Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

1 On September 22, 2004 the Examiner mailed a non-final office action in this application to Applicants.

2. On December 22, 2004 Applicants by their attorney mailed to the Office a timely response to the office action.

3. On or about April 17, 2005 a notice of abandonment was issued in error in this application.

4. On May 4, 2005, Applicants' attorney filed the attached Statement as to Previous Timely Mailing ("Statement"), in which she requested that the notice of


abandonment be withdrawn. Copies of the documents previously mailed by Applicant's attorney to the Office on December 22, 2004 were filed on May 4, 2005 with the Statement.

5. The Office has requested additional information in support of Applicants' request. Accordingly, Applicant's attorney submits her Declaration in Support of Supplemental Petition.

Wherefore Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.181, 1.8(b) and 1.10(e), that the abandonment of the application be withdrawn. If personal communication would expedite the granting of this petition, the Commissioner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7521.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 20, 2006

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**STATEMENT AS TO PREVIOUS TIMELY MAILING**

Sir:


On or about April 17, 2005 a notice of abandonment was issued in error in this application. On September 22, 2004 the Examiner had mailed a non-final office action. On December 22, 2004, an Amendment and Response to Office Action, copies of documents related to this application, a return postcard, and a Transmittal Form were sent by the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service, in an envelope bearing Express Mail Label No. EV 317349646 US and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Copies of the Amendment and Response to Office Action, related documents, return postcard, Transmittal Form, mailing label and Postal Service receipt are included

herewith. The undersigned's certificate of mailing is included in the enclosed Transmittal Form. To the best of the knowledge of the undersigned attorney, Applicants' Amendment and Response to Office Action was mailed in a timely manner to the Commissioner for Patents.

Applicants request that the notice of abandonment be withdrawn. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned attorney at (314)726-7521.

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**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION**

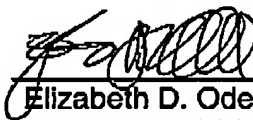
I, Elizabeth D. Odell, declare to the best of my personal knowledge as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record for the Applicants in the present application.
2. On December 22, 2004 I prepared an Amendment and Response to Office Action, copies of documents related to this application, a return postcard, and a Transmittal Form for mailing by Express Mail to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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4. Copies of the Amendment and Response to Office Action, Transmittal Form, mailing label and Postal Service receipt are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The undersigned's Certificate of Transmission/Mailing dated December 22, 2004 is at the bottom of the Transmittal Form. The attached copies of the Response to Office Action and Transmittal Form are true copies of the correspondence originally mailed on December 22, 2004. The attached copy of the mailing label is a true copy of the mailing label affixed to the envelope containing the foregoing correspondence. The attached Postal Service receipt is a true copy of the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service for the envelope.

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